# NABS Notes – June 2022

**“It always seems impossible until it is done.” -Nelson Mandela**

Welcome to the June edition of our NABS Notes! While we are sad to announce that this will be our final edition, we know that the work of our membership is far from over. We hope you’ll use this collection of resources to find a way to get/stay connected in the future. In order to best prepare for what comes next, we encourage you to take some time to read up on all things new and exciting in our student movement, and reach out to anyone in NABS leadership with questions. Read on to learn more about our upcoming events and updates from committees. In this edition you will find:

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## NABS at National Convention

At our winter seminar this February, President Riccobono shared that his experience at the last National Convention in New Orleans was the loudest national student division meeting he’d attended to date. We took that as a personal challenge to bring even more hype this year. Help NABS make our mark this July by joining us for both NABS Networking on Tuesday, July 5 from 7:30 to 9:30 PM and the NABS Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, July 6 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM.

To participate in official business at our annual meeting, apply to become an active member or renew your active membership status before end-of-day on Thursday, June 30 by following [these instructions](https://nabslink.org/become-member). All other attendees will need to apply for membership, which includes payment of $5 dues, at the door in order to gain entry. Registration begins at 6:15 PM.

Also, be sure to stop by the Exhibit Hall between Wednesday, July 6 and Saturday, July 9 to purchase some sick NABS swag and support our cause!

## Register for the 2022 NABS Atlantic Regional Seminar

Reflect, Reequip, Reimagine: Raising the Bar for Blind Students!

The National Association of Blind Students (NABS) and the National Federation of the Blind of Maryland invite you to the 2022 Atlantic regional seminar, a fun-filled weekend brimming with opportunities for professional growth, confidence building, and mentorship!

Friday, August 12 (6:00 PM) – Sunday, August 14 (12:00 PM)

Delta Hotels Baltimore Hunt Valley by Marriott

The past years have challenged blind students in a variety of ways, but we will emerge stronger than ever. Through enlightening presentations, spectacular guest speakers, exhilarating activities, and thought-provoking discussions, we will reflect on the past, prepare in the present, and reimagine our future. Together we can raise the bar for blind students!

Registration closes on Thursday, July 21, 2022, but before you rush to reserve your spot, please note the following:

•Each attendee is responsible for a $100 registration fee, payable to NABS, which will cover meals throughout the weekend as well as administrative expenses necessary to support this event. We encourage you to proactively reach out to your vocational rehabilitation agency and/or National Federation of the Blind state affiliate to help offset this expense. This fee is due by the time registration closes. Until we receive both your registration form response and this fee, your spot is not guaranteed.

•Please note that all attendees will need to submit proof of a negative COVID test within 60 hours of our event’s start, regardless of vaccination status. This proof will need to be submitted to a designated party no later than noon on Friday, August 12, 2022. Additionally, masks will be required during any/all 2022 Atlantic Student Seminar activities.

•Finally, we will not be assigning roommates for this event. We are more than happy to support you in finding a roommate if you require assistance, which you can indicate on the registration form linked below; however, if you do not either take the initiative to procure a roommate or reach out for assistance, you will be responsible for the hotel expense of $104 + applicable taxes and fees for each night of the event.

[Get registered](https://forms.gle/cALjLLGJTqdkRgd19) today, and please direct questions to NABS Board Member Logan Stenzel at [stenzellogan@gmail.com](mailto:stenzellogan@gmail.com).

## June Blog Post | Summer’s Adventures with My Guide Dog

Join author Shelbi Felter as she explores some of the amazing adventures she shares with her guide dog in this month’s [blog post](https://nabslink.org/blogs/summers-adventures-my-guide-dog). Whatever your preferred mobility tool, the sky’s the limit for blind students!

## June Episode of the NABS Now Podcast | Buy Smart & Beat Food Waste - Your Guide to Cooking on a Budget

In this episode, we discuss cooking on a budget. This includes shopping smart, meal planning, and keeping ingredients fresh. With some forethought, we can make the most of the food we buy and reduce food waste, saving money in the process.

Thank you to special guest Teresa Fabre.

Created and produced by Kinshuk Tella, Nina Marranca, and Seyoon Choi.

Are you interested in assisting with the planning and production of the NABS Now Podcast? Email Nina at: [ninam0814@gmail.com](mailto:ninam0814@gmail.com) for more information.

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## Committee Updates

### Reach Out to Outreach this August

Please stay tuned for more details about upcoming committee calls/work, coming post National Convention.

### Money Moves in New Orleans

This year it is easier than ever to support NABS at National Convention in the Big Easy. You can visit our 6th Annual [Walk-A-Thon page](https://go.rallyup.com/e6e09d/Campaign/Details) and either register to walk or donate to the campaign. Everyone who registers and raises $25 is entered into a drawing for a $50 Amazon gift card! If for some reason you aren’t in a walking mood, we’ve still got you covered. Just find your way over to our Exhibit Hall table to pick up some New Orleans inspired NABS swag. We’ve got crew neck sweaters, long-sleeved T’s, and stickers that will have you looking better than new in New Orleans!

### Learning, Living, & Loving with LSAC

The NABS Legislative & Self-Advocacy Committee thanks all those who joined us for our committee work throughout the last year. We hope you’ve learned a thing or two to benefit your future, and we invite you to return to LSAC work post National Convention!

### Seizing Summer Opportunities for Growth

The NABS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee thanks its members as well as other contributors to the Safe Spaces project research form. A full report of its findings was presented to the NABS Board for review, and we will provide updates as they are communicated.

The committee also would like to thank all attendees and guest presenters at our final committee call for the 2021-2022 academic year. This meeting, aimed to spotlight and introduce blind leaders and students who identify as LGBTQIA+, may be our final committee meeting under this leadership team, but our chairs and members look forward to connecting with you all during our National Convention in New Orleans!

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